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## Seminar on Migrant Women's Rights

20<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

King's College London, Old Anatomy Lecture Theatre,  
King's Building 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Strand, London WC2R 2LS

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### Programme

**13:30 – 14:00**      **Registration**

**14:00 – 14:10**      **Welcome and introductory remarks**

Prof. Funmi Olonisakin, Vice-President and Vice-Principal International, KCL  
Theodoros Gotsis, President of the Consular Corps of London  
Tarcísio Costa, Consul General of Brasil

**14:10 – 14:50**      **Migrant women's rights**

**Moderator:** Anthony Pereira, Director of King's Brazil Institute

**Speakers:**      Patricia Guanciale, Gunnercooke law firm  
                         Gisela Valle, Director, Latin American Women's Rights Service (LAWRS)  
                         Meri Ahlberg, FLEX (Focus on Labour Exploitation)  
                         Alethia Fernández de la Reguera, Institute of Legal Studies (UNAM, Mexico)

**14:50- 15:00**      **Q&A**

**15:00 – 15:40**      **Migrant women facing violence: causes and consequences**

**Moderator:** Ana Elena González-Treviño, Director of the Centre for Mexican Studies UNAM-KCL

**Speaker:**      Yara Evans, KCL  
                         Gabriela Quevedo, Latin American Women's Aid (LAWA)  
                         Fiona Dwyer, CEO of SOLACE

- 15:40 – 15:50**      **Q&A**
- 15:50 – 16:05**      **Break**
- 16:05 – 16:50**      **Protecting migrant women against VAWG**

**Moderator/Speaker:** Cathy Mcllwaine, KCL

**Speakers:** Elizabeth Jimenez, Co-ordinator, Step Up Migrant Women campaign  
Camille Rouse, London Black Women's Project  
Marta Fernandes, AMBE

- 16:50 – 17:00**      **Q&A**
- 17:00 – 17:30**      **Keynote speaker**  
Claire Waxman, Independent Victims' Commissioner for London
- 17:30 – 17:35**      **Closing remarks**  
Aida Velasco, Head of Consular Section of Mexico
- 17:35 – 18:00**      **Cultural Event**  
Film Premiere 'Ana' by Gaël Le Cornec, introduced by Cathy Mcllwaine
- 18:00**              **Networking reception**  
Somerset Café

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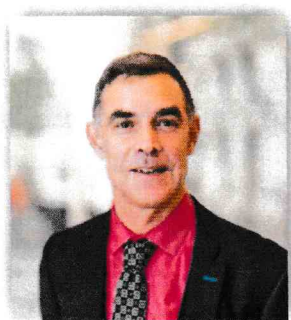
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**Anthony Pereira**

Professor and Director of the Brazil Institute at King's College London

Anthony has a B.A. in Politics from Sussex University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Government from Harvard University. He has held positions at the New School for Social Research, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tulane University, and the University of East Anglia. His books include *Ditadura e Repressão* (Paz e Terra, 2010); (with Lauro Mattei) *The Brazilian Economy Today: Towards a New Socio-Economic Model?* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015); and (with Jeff Garmany) *Understanding Contemporary Brazil* (Routledge, 2018). He occasionally comments on Brazil in the media and is currently working on a book on changes in the Brazilian state over the last few decades.



**Patricia Guanciale**

Legal counsel immigration, international family & business law

She is a Brazilian and Portuguese qualified Lawyer, as well as Registered European Lawyer in England & Wales. She has been practicing law in London, along with Vitoria Nabas' team at Gunnercooke law firm for 2 years. She deals with Immigration, Family, and Business Law.



**Meri Åhlberg**

Research manager, Focus on Labour Exploitation (FLEX)

She manages FLEX's research projects. Prior to joining FLEX in 2017, she worked for the International Labour Organization's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific as a gender and labour migration consultant. Meri has an MSc in International Development and Management from Lund University.





### Alethia Fernández de la Reguera

Lecturer and researcher at the Institute for Legal Research at the UNAM

Alethia studied her B.A. in International Relations at Tec de Monterrey. She has an M.A. in European Studies from Amsterdam University and a Ph. D. in Humanist Studies from Tec de Monterrey. She is a member of the National Research System. Her field of expertise is in human rights, migration and gender. She is member of the University Seminar for the Study of Migration, Exile and Repatriation (SUDIMER); of the UNESCO-Tec chair on Ethics and Peace Culture for Human Rights; and of the Directive Council at the Institute for Migrant Women (IMUMI). She has published extensively on these topics in national and international journals. Among her latest publications are “Género y desarrollo sostenible: breve reflexión sobre los problemas de redistribución y reconocimiento” (2018) and “Trascender la violencia de género desde el conocimiento ético: un diálogo entre la filosofía y la empiria en contextos migratorios” (2016).



### Ana Elena González Treviño

Professor of English Literature, Faculty of Philosophy and Letters UNAM and Director of UNAM-UK, Centre for Mexican Studies, King's College London

Ana Elena has a B.A. in English, an M.A. in Comparative Literature from UNAM, and an Ph. D. in English from Queen Mary College, University of London. She specializes in seventeenth- and eighteenth-century English and comparative literature, as well as digital humanities, literary and cultural studies. She is the former head of the Modern Languages Department. Besides numerous academic articles and book chapters, she has published *Representación, un dilemma de la crítica* (2019) and several volumes of literary and translation studies, including more recently *Laurence Sterne* (2016) and *Jonathan Swift y el archipiélago de los espejos* (2018). She directs a digital humanities project, *México Imaginario* around Mexican imagology in seventeenth and eighteenth-century print culture in English and French. She is a member of the National Research System and has taken part in numerous senior academic evaluation committees. She is publication referee for academic journals and books.



### Yara Evans

Visiting Research Associate King's College

Her research interest is on the social and economy dynamics of immigrant communities in the UK, especially the Brazilian community, which she examined in various studies over the last decade or so, which provide a socio-economic profile of Brazilians. Her most recent research was on *Violence Against Brazilian Women and Girls in the UK*, which examined the types of violence experienced, the consequences, sources of support accessed and barriers to seeking help.



**Gabriela Quevedo**  
Director of Latin American Women's Aid

Gabriela is a skilled social sciences researcher, specialised in qualitative research, information and knowledge management. In the UK, she has worked as a researcher on issues relating the human rights implications of the UK asylum and immigration system, inclusion and integration of migrants and media representation of minoritised communities. As a human rights practitioner, she has specialised in the areas of monitoring, evaluation, organisational learning and planning in large International NGOs, most recently at Amnesty International, where she supported and co-created organisation wide processes to embed cultural change and new ways of working in the areas of impact and learning, organisational capabilities and strategy development. Gabriela is a Sociologist and holds an MA in Human Rights from the University of London, Institute of Commonwealth Studies.



**Fiona Dwyer**  
CEO of Solace

Fiona became the CEO of Solace in October 2019. She brings with her significant experience working with and for women and young people's protection with 17 years' experience across the statutory and voluntary sectors. She has worked in Ireland, Peru, Mexico and Switzerland on human rights and international development and has spent the last 11 working explicitly on VAWG in the UK. She has most recently worked in Haringey as VAWG Strategic Lead and previously in Tower Hamlets where she initiated and led on VAWG work for three years. Prior to that she was National Children and Young People officer at Women's Aid where she was involved in developing national policy guidance and resources on a wide range of domestic violence issues facing children and young people. She has also been a trustee at Rights of Women for the past 5 years.



**Cathy McIlwaine**  
Academics Affiliates Professor of Development Geography

Cathy has a BA (Geography) and MA (Latin American Studies) from the University of Liverpool and a PhD from the London School of Economics. Prior to joining King's, she held positions in the Geography Departments of the London School of Economics and Political Science (1994-5) and at Queen Mary University of London (1995-2017). She also worked at the World Bank as a Social Scientist Research Project Manager (1-year secondment) in Washington DC (1998-9). Cathy has served or is currently serving as a trustee for the following organisations: Carila Latin American Welfare Group (2006-9), Children Change Colombia (2010-17), Latin Elephant (2014-present) and the Latin American Bureau (2019-present). She is also an advisory board member of the Latin American Women's Rights Service (2017-present) and the Instituto Maria e Joao Aleixo (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) (2017-present) and is an Advisory Council Member for the Institute of Latin American Studies, London (2013-present). She is currently leading the Department of Geography's Athena Swan activities.





**Elizabeth Jiménez Yáñez**

Policy and Communications Coordinator on Violence Against Women and Girls at LAWRS

Elizabeth holds a degree in Political Science and Public Administration from the UNAM and Masters in Gender Violence and Conflict from the University of Sussex. She has further education in gender, justice, culture and Human Rights. Elizabeth has work experience in project management, research and consultancy.



**Camille Rouse**

Legal Advice Service manager at LBWP

LBWP is a women-only organisation supporting black minority ethnic and refugee women (BMER) who are victims of various forms of violence including domestic, sexual and so called honour based violence. The Legal Advice Team supports women around family law, housing, and immigration. Prior to joining LBWP, Camille did human rights work in SE Asia working with Rohingya refugees fleeing state violence in Myanmar – specifically women and children who were being trafficked for sexual exploitation.



**Marta Fernandes**

Psychologist, founder and director of AMBE-supporting Brazilian Women Abroad

She is a pioneer in offering psychosocial support for Brazilian Nationals in partnership with the Brazilian Consulate in London. Today, many other Brazilian consulates around the world offer similar services.



**Claire Waxman**

Independent Victims' Commissioner for London

In June 2017 she was appointed by Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, to be London's first Independent Victims' Commissioner. Claire brings a wealth of personal insight and expertise to the role having been the victim of a sustained stalking campaign, during which time she founded a campaign group which successfully fought for improved legislation and support for victims and survivors. As a prominent champion for victims' rights Claire led a successful campaign for change in stalking laws and spearheaded the Victims' Law campaign.